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PRIME MINISTER THANOM, WHO FLEW INTO BANGKOK FROM THE US EARLY THIS MORNING, IS UNDER ARREST. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PRAKOD TOLD NEWSMEN THAT THANOM WILL BE TRIED IN COURT FOR HIS ROLE IN THE RIOTS THAT TOPPLED HIS GOVERNMENT A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO. ARMY STRONGMAN KRIT SIWARA, WHO IS ON A GOODWILL VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES, HAS BEEN ORDERED TO RETURN TO BANGKOK.

THANOM'S PRESENCE COULD BRING THE STUDENTS, WHO HAVE BEEN QUIET OF LATE, BACK INTO THE STREETS. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT STUDENT LEADERS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION. SHOULD IT MATERIALIZE, IT COULD CAUSE A SERIOUS SECURITY PROBLEM FOR THE GOVERNMENT. THE ARMY AND POLICE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR AN EXCUSE TO CRACK DOWN ON STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS FOR SOME TIME.

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